IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/087,224 Filed: March 1, 2002 Inventors: Ajay Kumar Hanumanthu Rao Susarla Prakash Khemani		***	 \$ Examiner: \$ Group/Art Unit: \$ Atty. Dkt. No: \$ \$ 	Christensen, Scott B 2444 5681-12100
Title:	System and Method for State Data Back-up in a Distributed Data System			

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

This paper is an amendment submission accompanying the request for continued examination filed herewith; and further highlights why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.